

ALL SHIPWRIGHTS MAY BE EXEMPTED

Only Wilson's Approval of the Plan to Increase Yards' Force Is Lacking.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Exemption of all shipyard employees from military service may be ordered by the Government as a device to speed up construction of America's new merchant marine and get the shipyards working at 100 per cent of capacity. Samuel Gompers

Exemption of employees in shipyard and allied industries would raise the force of men almost at once from its present level of about 250,000 men to fully 400,000, in the opinion of ship construction experts. Some of the yards

Another troublesome situation which Mr. Gompers and members of the Shipping Board are seeking to solve is caused by the action of shipyard thieves stealing men from one another. It is thought an endeavor will be made to end this by establishing uniform wages in all yards and bettering the housing con-

Notwithstanding the difficulties which the Shipping Board has met, there is confidence now that 1,000,000 tons of new shipping will have been launched by March 1. This will be made up largely of ships now on the ways.

In 1910 the United States built only 200,000 tons of ships. By 1916 this has tripled, the output roughly being 600,000 tons. The building this year will be

REDFIELD TALKS ON WAR.
He Explains Powers of Alien Property Custodian.

The transition of this country's commerce into "a mighty weapon of war" was the text of a message delivered to the conference of trade paper editors in the rooms of the Automobile Club, Fifty-fourth street, near Broadway, by Secretary

"We are more powerful than any two of the other allied nations," he said, "and we must see to it that our men at the front do not suffer for want of comforts and necessities, and that the gallant forces of our allies are supplied with equal generosity."

Secretary Redfield explained the powers of the alien property custodian, who may take over all property owned by enemy aliens and, during the course

He said the Government had determined to permit no leakage of materials to Germany or her allies and that the Government is prepared to enforce that determination. He spoke in favor of good pay for good work and said that the country will suffer if this principle is not recognized.

Alfred Owe U. S. \$2,711,000,000.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Loans of \$1,000,000,000 to Russia, \$25,000,000 to Belgium, \$20,000,000 to France and \$3,000,000 to Belgium made to-day brought the total credits of the United States to allied nations up to \$2,711,400,000.

Russian Admiral Sees Wilson.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Vice-Admiral Kolchak of the Russian Naval Mission called on President Wilson to-day and

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